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BY MARIJKE COX

HEALTH chiefs behind Dover's planned £20 million community hospital have been forced to consider new locations due to the flood risk at the chosen site.

Despite a decision being made in September 2008 by the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust for a mid-town site, problems with flooding have pushed the board to reconsider their options.

Campaigners opposed to the Maison Dieu Road site have said the public should have been listened to after health bosses were warned of flood risks at meetings last year.

Reg Hansell, a long-time campaigner for a Dover hospital, said: "There's no way it should be built there - we've said that all along."

"The public said the area was a flood risk. Dover District Council knew this, too, but went ahead and agreed it anyway. The best place for the hospital would be Whitfield."

Tim Ingleton, head of regeneration at the district council, said the issue of flooding was clearly identified in the Local Development Framework and work was under way to assess central Dover, including the chosen location.

A flood risk appraisal of the Maison Dieu site is in the final stages and expected to be completed by October. Although early indications suggest work could be carried out to deal with flooding, it isn't known what that work would be, how much it would cost or how long it would take.

Health chiefs have now admitted their original decision on the location will have to be reviewed.

Ann Sutton, chief executive of the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT, said the mid-town site was not

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A partially paralysed man is among seven amateur swimmers celebrating after successfully crossing the 22 gruelling miles between Dover and Calais. The team made history by becoming the first-ever group of both disabled and able-bodied people to swim the Channel. Taking to the waters at 1am on Wednesday, they got to Calais 14 hours and 27 minutes later. **FULL STORY ON PAGE 2**

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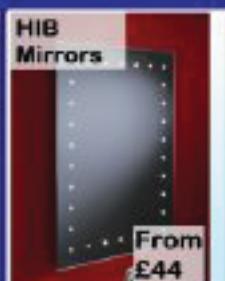
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RECORD-BREAKERS: The swimmers swam to raise funds for the spinal injury charity Aspire

Swimmers make historic crossing

A PARALYSED man is among seven amateur swimmers celebrating after successfully crossing the 22 gruelling miles between Dover and Calais.

The team, who swam in aid of spinal injury charity Aspire, made history as they became the first-ever group of both disabled and able-bodied people to swim the English Channel.

Taking to the waters at 1am on Wednesday morning, the exhausted crew tackled cold seas in the darkness, finally hitting the beach of Calais 14 hours and 27 minutes later.

Swim leader and chief executive of Aspire Brian Carlin said the team were exhilarated by their accomplishment.

"I am incredibly proud of the whole team and delighted that Aspire was able to complete such an awesome challenge," he said.

James Wood, from Northampton, was particularly proud of his achievement. The 40-year-old was paralysed from the waist down following a motorbike accident in 1990, leaving him unable to control his legs.

He swam in relay with six others and despite completing his two-hour stint, decided to get back in the sea and swim the final mile.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Brian said the greatest moment was watching James reach the shore in France.

He said: "Each swimmer gave it their all – swimming in the sea is hard enough, but swimming in the dark and in the wakes of ferries and tankers is not for the faint-hearted."

Swimming teacher Rachel Letts, methodist minister Eleanor Reddington, IT manager Andy Martin, fire officer Kevin Hardwick and Sophie Milton from Swim Trek were also celebrating their achievement.

Eleanor, who has swum the distance of the Channel six times already, was thrilled to have completed the real thing.

"I have swum more than 132 miles so far for Aspire," she said.

"I always try and make it a bit more challenging each time – last year I managed 18 miles in one go which I was very happy with."

"But this year I have done the ultimate challenge, swimming the real English Channel."

Their challenge marks the tenth anniversary of the Aspire Channel Swim, with members of the public encouraged to swim the Channel's distance in their local pool.

To find out more visit www.aspirechannelswim.co.uk.

yourdover NEWS IN BRIEF

Town restaurant is among best in Britain

A POPULAR restaurant in Dover has become the first in the town centre to be named in The Good Food Guide.

The Allotment, owned by chef Dave Flynn, who is originally from Twickenham, was named in the top 1,200 restaurants in the UK for the 2010 edition, based on readers' recommendations and inspection reports.

Dave said he was thrilled to have fulfilled his ambition of making the list in the two years the restaurant has been open and believes it could play a key part in Dover's tourism.

"There is clearly a need for dramatic regeneration to take place for Dover to become a top tourist destination," he said. "What we are achieving at The Allotment can play a significant role in attracting visitors to the town and district, particularly with new transport links such as the high-speed train."

The restaurant, which is on High Street opposite the town hall, uses local produce from allotment owners who provide Dave with their excess fruit and vegetables. He also sources locally reared meat for his menu.

But Dave said the accolade is not just down to the food, but the team at restaurant.

"It's a huge recognition of the dedication and professionalism shown by my staff," he said.

To book a table at call 01304 214467 or for more information see www.theallotmentdover.com.

Plane spots missing Channel 'day-trippers'

NINE people had to be rescued from the English Channel on Sunday night after trying to cross from Dover to Boulogne on two rigid inflatable boats.

A major search and rescue operation was launched after a lady called Dover Coastguard to say her husband, who was one of five adults and four children on the trip, had lost sight of the other boat. They had crossed from Dover to Boulogne and were on their return leg when they separated.

The Langdon Coastguard rescue team and the Dover RNLI were called out and a spotter plane was scrambled to help with the search.

The aircraft spotted both RIBs and directed the lifeboat to them.

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Health centre couple in a 'living hell' from yobs

■ BY MARIJKE COX

RESIDENTS living in flats above the new Aylesham Health Centre have spoken of their "living hell" following months of abuse from a gang of yobs.

The couple, aged 65 and 42, are so scared of what the gang will do next that they have asked not to be named for fear of reprisals.

Since they moved to Aylesham three months ago from the Lake District, a group of some 20 youngsters, whom they believe are aged 12-16, have screamed abuse and thrown things at them and even threatened them when they left their flat.

The 65-year-old said he had never seen anything like it.

"It's an absolute nightmare," he said.

"We're basically being terrorised in our own home. Other neighbours are suffering too and just the other night a man who's about my age went downstairs with his walking stick to stand guard until the police got here.

"The thing is, as soon as the police go, the youths just come back.

"It's not right that we have to live like this. The flats are second to none and the people around here are lovely, but we want to move now."

The couple said that last Wednesday night a police officer was sent out to deal with the gang, who had been causing trouble again.

However, things got so bad that they had to bring the female officer into their flat after the yobs rocked her car from side to side.



TARGETED: The couple, who live in flats above the Aylesham Health Centre, are considering moving due to the trouble

"It's a living hell," the resident said. "My partner and I are due to get married in January, but it's getting very difficult to plan anything when we don't get any sleep. We're sometimes kept awake until 6am."

"We don't know what to do any more."

Reassurance

Southern Housing Group, which manages the flats, said the company was aware of the problems at the new flats.

Regional director Guy Collar said: "Southern

Housing Group takes complaints of antisocial behaviour very seriously.

"A group antisocial behaviour caseworker and Police Community Service Officer [PCSO] made a joint visit to reassure residents on Thursday. We will be taking action against the perpetrators and are working closely with the PCSO, Community Safety Team and Dover District Council to resolve concerns."

The NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT said health services had not yet moved to the centre, which is currently empty.

NHS working to find other sites in town

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being ruled out but other places must be looked at.

"As part of any planning application, it's clear we will need to demonstrate that we have considered all the options," she said.

Stuart Bain, chief executive of East Kent Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust, said: "At the same time as the flood risk appraisal is being finalised, we are looking at other sites, including those previously considered, so we are well prepared to make decisions when the time comes."

Buckland is one of the locations on the list of possibilities. The PCT said it would hold an event in October to involve stakeholders in an assessment of possible sites.

An NHS official said: "NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust are working together to explore alternative sites in central Dover to find one that best meets important criteria."

But Charlie Elphicke, Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, said: "This needs to be a collective decision made by the people of Dover. I'm going to start a consultation to find out what people want."

Staff 'devastated' as construction firm is forced into closure

■ BY MARIJKE COX

SOME 60 people have been made redundant following the collapse of a Dover construction company.

RJ Barwick Construction Services Ltd went into administration on Friday, August 28, after more than 150 years in business.

Staff and managing director Richard Barwick are said to be "devastated".

The family-run firm, which opened in 1850, in Dover, was hit hard by tough conditions in the construction industry caused by the recession.

Unfortunate

Accountancy firm BDO Stoy Hayward were appointed joint administrators and 60 out of the 72 members of staff at Barwick were made redundant.

Twelve employees have been kept on to assist the administrators in their review of building work that is still ongoing.

Mathew Tait, business restructuring partner from BDO Stoy Hayward, said: "It is very unfortunate

that due to tough conditions in the construction industry we have been unable to continue to trade the business and have had to make a number of redundancies.

"We are working with contract employers to address their immediate concerns as to the completion of work in progress and protect the remaining assets of the company."

The company, which was based in Ashford, had a number of big clients including Kent County Council, the National Trust and English Heritage.

It won the contract to build a new state of the art café-bar at the end of Deal Pier, which was completed and opened at the end of last year.

Barwick also helped refurbish Dover Castle's keep in the recent multi-million pound transformation at the fort.

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Rookie at the top of pecking order

A GIANT parrot attacked a police officer after he pulled over its owner for driving with the 3ft-tall bird perched on her shoulder.

The officer at Dover docks asked the female driver to pull to one side after spotting her arriving at the ferry terminal with the bird on her shoulder.

The driver was arrested after the officer discovered she was banned from driving but then had to drive her car to the pound with the pet parrot flying loose inside the car.

The macaw, which was furious at being parted from its owner, launched wave after wave of attack on the officer – leaving him with bite and scratch marks to his hands and arms as he tried to drive the car to the pound.

Chief officer Steve Masters said he drafted in a raw recruit to take care of the macaw, saying the 'bad' jobs fell to new people in the job.

Terrified

He said: "A volunteer was sought – the officer with the least length of service – to drive the vehicle to a more appropriate location.

"A very nervous probationary officer then proceeded to drive the vehicle to the police station with great difficulty and an equal amount of dexterity as the macaw perched itself on the steering wheel pecking at his fingers throughout the journey."

Witness Greig Stephenson said: "The bird wouldn't stop going for the poor guy."

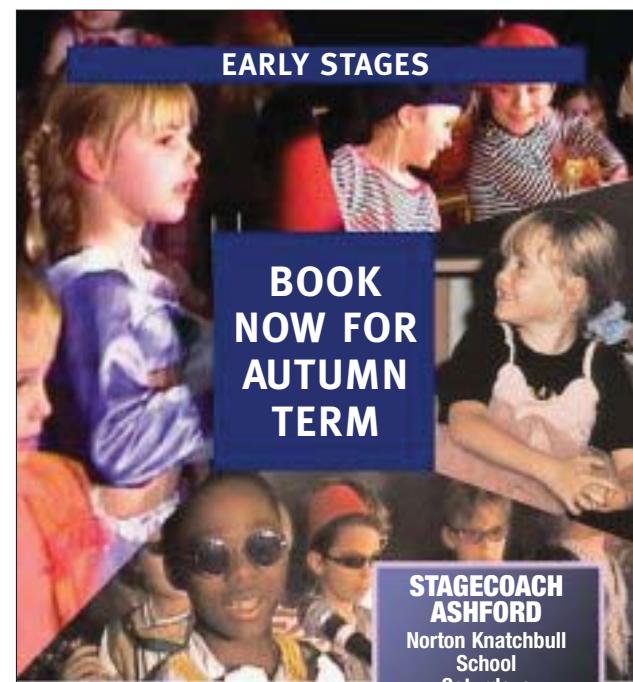
"It was flying around taking chunks out of him as he drove."

"The copper looked terrified and was covered in scratches all over his hands and arms by the time he moved the car."

"He did not look happy at all."

The bird was collected by the RSPCA, which will look after the bird until the owner is released from custody.

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Beaten unconscious by gang of youths

A MAN from Dover suffered a suspected broken nose and jaw after being attacked in Deal town centre.

The 21-year-old was walking through the precinct on Thursday, September 3, when a youths near the benches outside New Look started abusing him.

He woke up in the back of an ambulance and doesn't remember what happened. A woman saw a group of youths aged between 16 and 18 running and cycling away from the High Street and shortly afterwards found the man unconscious.

He was treated for facial cuts at the QEQM Hospital, Margate, and may need further treatment.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the assault, which took place between 8.40pm and 9pm.

Contact the police on 01303 289180 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 if you can help.

Hearing aid clinics

FREE aftercare clinics are being held for hearing aid users.

Advisers from charity Hi Kent will be at Age Concern at the Riverside Centre, Maison Dieu Gardens, Dover, every Wednesday and Thursday, from 10am-noon.

A clinic is also being held today (Wednesday) from 9.30am-11am at Age Concern, Sneller House, 19-21 The Cattle Market, Sandwich.

People with NHS hearing aids can get them cleaned and re-tubed, and collect batteries.

Advice will be available as well as information about Hi Kent's range of equipment, including smoke alarms, telephones and conversation aids.

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Green Flag pride at park built on Chunnel chalk

■ BY MARIJKE COX

SAMPHIRE Hoe has been named as one of the finest country parks in the land.

And it's all down to the volunteers who help out, according to Paul Holt, chief warden of the wildlife park near Dover.

For the fifth year running, the 30-hectare piece of land, which was created from chalk marl dug from under the sea when the Channel Tunnel was built, has been awarded a Green Flag.

Owned by Eurotunnel and managed by the White Cliffs Countryside Project, the land has become a magnet for visitors with more than 100,000 exploring the flora and fauna each year.

The Green Flag award recognises it as one of the best parks in the UK and it was praised by



FLYING THE FLAG: Paul Holt (far left) and volunteers with the Green Flag at Samphire Hoe

judges for its excellent facilities, well managed space and amenities. Mr Holt, who has worked at Samphire Hoe since it was first developed 11 years ago, said it would have come to ruin had it not been for the team of volunteers who reg-

ularly help out.

"We have 16 people from the community who come down and spend their free time looking after this new bit of countryside," he said.

"Without them we wouldn't have been able to achieve the Green Flag. They carry out wildlife surveys and pick up the rubbish people have left.

"It's a real community place. There's something about Samphire Hoe that people love.

"They come through the tunnels in the cliff and get to discover a hidden world. Once people have discovered it, they usually come back."

The land was created with 4.9 million cubic metres of chalk marl from under the Channel.

Mr Holt said he has watched the land develop and unusual wildlife settle over the years he has looked after the park.

"We have lots of different birds here including kestrels and the stonechat," he said.

"People come from all around to enjoy the wildlife and they can do so 365 days of the year."

CHEERED ON BY THE CHEEKY GIRLS



A CRUELLEST walk from Dover to Brighton in aid of progeria sufferer Hayley Okines has been completed by a team from Dover Carnival Association Ltd.

And in Rye they were met by pop singers the Cheeky Girls, Gabriela and Monica, pictured above with the walkers.

Hayley, 11, who suffers from Hutchinson Gilford progeria syndrome which causes accelerated ageing, met the carnival court with her family at the finish line in Brighton. Former boxer Chris Eubank, who was expected to meet the

walkers, failed to show. Mandie Sehmbi, chairman and director of DCAL, said: "It was an incredible weekend. The youngsters were so committed to raising money for Hayley. It was lovely seeing their determination."

The group hopes to have raised £1,200 to help pay for Hayley's treatment.

DCAL is also looking to raise money for seven-year-old Faith, from Dover, who needs a specialist wheelchair. On Saturday, the carnival court helped at the Richard Digance evening at Dover Town Hall.



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DARK SECRETS: A black cat stalks through a field in Kent (main picture), and another animal was captured on camera (INSET) in this picture by Harry Mathews, also taken in the county.

Stalking county's mystery big cats

LOOKING out of your kitchen window and seeing a puma lounging in the garden is the last thing you would expect in Kent.

But it happened just weeks ago to a resident of St Margaret's, near Dover, according to big-cat expert and author Neil Arnold.

And the researcher claims some 30 genuine sighting of big cats, including pumas and leopards, have been logged in the district in recent times.

"Dover has always been quite a prominent place for them, so I'm not surprised when someone reports a big-cat sighting," he said.

"A woman recently reported seeing a labrador-sized puma in her garden in St Margaret's-at-Cliffe."

This was followed by a second sighting weeks later of a fawn-coloured puma on cliffs above the port's Eastern Docks.

Mr Arnold, whose book, *Mystery Animals of the British Isles: Kent*, was published in March, said there were more big cats roaming the county than people realised.

"People tend to sensationalise it, but it's no big mystery, really," he said.

"They're solitary animals which hunt at night, but still come out in the sunshine, like domestic cats. So of course people sometimes see them."

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Mr Arnold put the presence of the big cats down to an influx of wild pets in the 1970s.

"People would buy big cats to look flash," he said. "But in 1976 the Dangerous Wild Animals Act came in and people couldn't afford the licence. Zoos were turning them away, so people set them free in the nearest remote woodland."

"It goes back so much further than that, though. In the 1800s it was very popular to have big cats and, even further back, the Romans used to bring them over."

"They also used to be popular with circuses. They've been roaming the countryside for years."

He added that two years ago a large exotic cat was killed on a road in Dover.

But sightings of pumas, lynx and black leopards, which are the species most commonly seen, should not frighten people.

"It's unlikely they would ever approach a human, unless they were agitated," said Mr Arnold.

To buy a copy of the *Mystery Animals of the British Isles: Kent*, phone 01634 830384 or email neil.arnold@live.com.

For information about Mr Arnold's big cat talks, see www.kentbigcats.blogspot.com.

Rookie cops have training day

NEWLY-qualified officers have been given a taste of real-life policing at Dover Priory railway station.

The officers worked with a police drugs dog and the British Transport Police in an operation to target criminals using the railway network.

Thirty-nine people were stopped and searched and an 18-year-old was arrested for possessing a lock knife.

A 45-year-old woman was arrested for being in breach of bail conditions and three people were formally cautioned for possession of cannabis.

A drunk was also removed from the platform and British Transport Police issued six penalty tickets.

Ticket office staff said revenue was up by about £1,000 suggesting the police presence helped crack down on fare dodgers.

Sgt Mark Wells (pictured right), team leader, said the operation was held in response to public concern about antisocial behaviour, drugs and stolen property.

He said: "We received positive comments from the public and we will be repeating the exercise in the future."

"It has also given the newly-qualified officers valuable experience in how to conduct searches and gather intelligence."



NEWS IN BRIEF

Channel Hop return trek

HUNDREDS of walkers from Calais have explored the east Kent countryside.

Eight guided walks around Dover and Folkestone were organised as part of the Channel Hop programme, a partnership between Kent County Council and its French equivalent, the Conseil General du Pas-de-Calais.

Myriam Caron, European partnership manager for KCC, said: "It was great to see new friendships developing between Kent and Pas-de-Calais residents."

The walkers split into groups to tackle one of five walks: the Royal Military Canal; Dover's Western Heights, Samphire Hoe, Langdon Cliffs and the North Downs Trail.

A return day of walks is being organised in Wissant, Pas-de-Calais, on Sunday, October 4, and about 200 Kent residents have signed up for the event. For more information see www.thechannelhop.co.uk.

Park bench vandal attack

POLICE are appealing for information after two park benches were damaged by youths.

Five boys, three described as white and two as black, in their mid to late teens, were seen vandalising two mahogany benches just after 6pm on Wednesday, August 26.

A number of people were in Russell Gardens, Temple Ewell, near Dover, at the time and officers would like to hear from anybody who saw anything.

Contact PCSO Jason Brett on 07772 226154, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, if you can help.

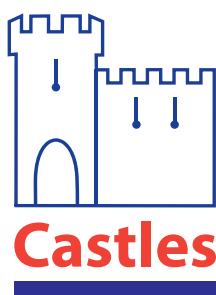
MP's big-hearted walkers

BRITISH Heart Foundation campaigners have taken part in their annual sponsored walk in Deal.

About 50 people trekked from Sandown Castle to Kingsdown and back, accompanied by Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser in what was his tenth walk for the charity.

Praising the organisers and participants, the Labour MP said: "Heart disease is one of the biggest killers in this country and I've been pleased to support BHF campaigns."

"In the last 20 years the Deal and Sandwich branch has raised £100,000 towards research and support projects."



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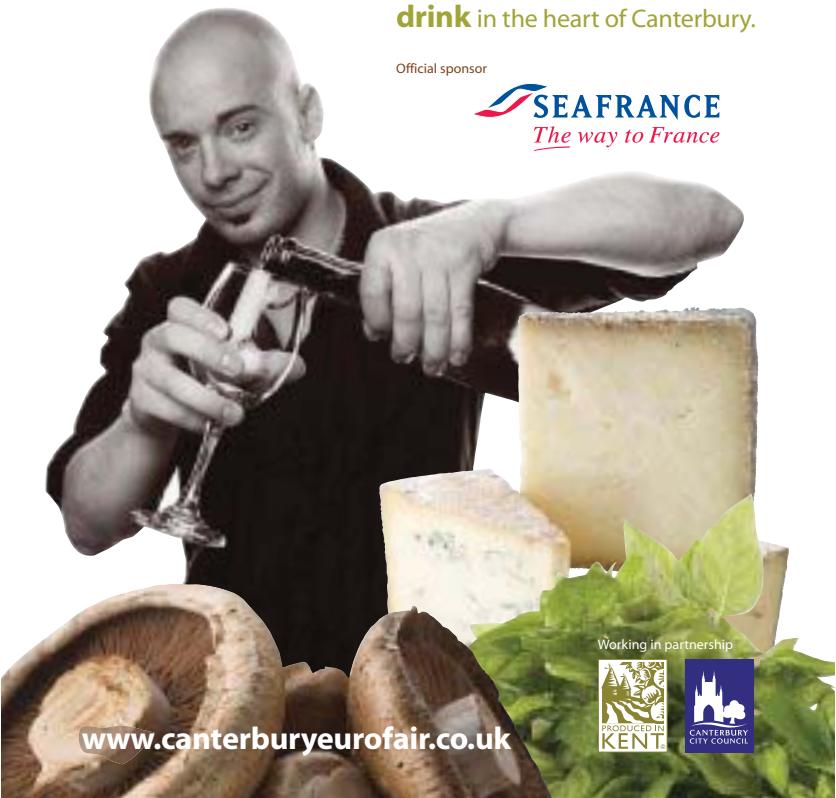


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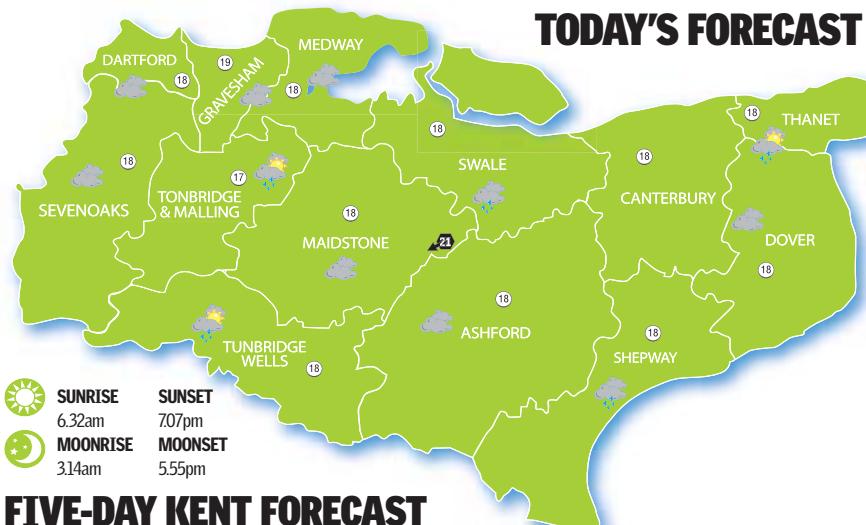
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AT SEA: Deal Pier has been shortlisted for an award

Pier could soon be boasting yet another project award

DEAL Pier has been shortlisted for another award by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The pier – which has received numerous plaudits since it was built was chosen from the 103 RIBA award-winning buildings announced earlier this year.

The building, which was officially opened in November 2008, was recognised as being of excellent quality by the RIBA panel – one of the most influential architectural bodies in the UK.

Judges said when they made the award that the pier is: "a beautiful addition to the town and seascape. It provides perfectly the experience a pier building should, that of being part of, as well as framing, views of the sea."

It is also much used by fishermen and the café on the end has also received much praise for its design, ambience and the food on offer.

The pier has now been put forward for the Stephen Lawrence Prize. This rewards the best examples of projects that were built on a budget of less than £1 million and the £5,000 prize is intended to encourage fresh talent.

The award is judged by architect and past President of the RIBA Marco Goldschmied, and Doreen Lawrence OBE, mother of Stephen who wanted to become an architect before he was murdered in 1993. The winner will be announced on October 17.



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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q & A

The community fund-raiser for Macmillian Cancer Support in Kent spoke to **Marijke Cox** about the work of the charity helping cancer victims and their families have the strength to tackle the disease

Q Can you tell us a little about your background?

A I trained as a chef for three years and I worked in the catering industry for another two years before changing careers and moving to Royal Mail, where I was a postman for a year. I then moved to their human resources department and started life as a trainer, the main part of the role was to train the new recruits on how to be a postman. After staying there for five years I decided I wanted a change, so I went into sales and during my time in sales I sold all sorts of things. I then got my job at Macmillan.

Q How did you get involved with the charity?

A I knew about Macmillan because my nan had a Macmillan nurse. But to be honest I'd never thought about working for a charity, I'd worked in the catering industry, in the public sector and also in sales, but I'd never really felt true job satisfaction. I signed on with a recruitment agency and a month later a role as a community fundraiser in Kent came up, the agency put me forward and the rest is history. I'd like to add that I've totally found the job satisfaction I had been looking for.

Q Can you tell us a little bit about the charity?

A Macmillan Cancer Support improves the lives of people affected by cancer. We provide practical, medical, emotional and financial sup-

port, and push for better cancer care. Many people know about our Macmillan nurses and rightly so as they do an amazing job, but the other work we do such as campaigning and providing financial support to families living with cancer in financial difficulties is so important.

Q What does your job involve?

A I manage a team of four fundraising managers who cover Kent and Surrey, so along with managing them and being there to support them, I also look to do my own fundraising. My key areas that I work with are companies across both counties and also the media, who are key to raising awareness of Macmillan's work.

Q What is the most challenging part of your job?

A I think the most challenging thing is giving myself enough time to fundraise in both counties while making sure my team have the support they need. It's a nice challenge though.

Q What is the best thing about working for Macmillan Cancer Support?

A There's lots of reason why I love working here, the people that work for Macmillan are great and everyone cares about the job they are doing, but I think the best thing about working here, is the feeling of knowing I've made a difference to the lives of people living with cancer.

Q Do you get a lot of volunteers signing up to help out?

A We have a brilliant team of volunteers, the work they do for Macmillan is fantastic and without them we couldn't achieve the things we do. We always welcome anyone who would like to volunteer so I would encourage anyone thinking about volunteering to go for it.

Q How do people sign up to volunteer at Macmillan Cancer Support?

A It's really easy. Just give the office a call on 01622 600050 or go to the website www.macmillan.org.uk.

Q What qualities are you looking for in people wanting to help out?

A I think everyone has something to offer whether you'd like to become an events volunteer, a collections co-ordinator or join one of our brilliant fundraising groups, there's a volunteering opportunity for you.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time away from work?

A My biggest interest outside of work is football, however I'm not playing anymore, so now it's purely watching. I'm a massive West Ham fan. I enjoy playing golf but I must admit I'm very poor. I also like to run, this started when I ran the London Marathon for Macmillan two years ago.

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Bereaved mum targets drug dealer 'parasites'

Every parent worries their child will become involved in drugs and there are many ways Kent Police are involved in fighting dealers and trying to educate teenagers. This week, as part of our A Safer Kent series, we meet the mother of a young woman who died after taking what she believed was cocaine and discover how she is trying to stop others suffering the same fate. Reporter **Marijke Cox** speaks to Angela Pett about her daughter's death and the education programme she has now launched.

A GRIEVING mother has launched a campaign to stamp out "parasite" drug dealers who played a hand in her daughter's death.

Angela, 46, and Ian Pett, 49, and their son Joe, 23, were left devastated last October when 20-year-old Haniska died after taking cocaine on a night out.

The young hairdresser had bought the drugs from 'friends' who, according to Angela, had cut the drug with MDMA – a form of ecstasy – amphetamines, and BZP, a worming tablet for cows. There was only five per cent cocaine found in the powder.

Angela said: "I know it was Haniska's choice, but these dealers cut it with whatever they can to make more money.

"They pretend to be your friends, but they're not. The people who sold it to Haniska had bought it off dealers who had bought it off someone else and they had all cut it as it passed down the line.

"The big misconception is that people think you can't die from cocaine, but you can and my daughter's death proves that."

Angela is now using Haniska to teach others not to dabble in what are seen as recreational drugs. She plans to go to schools to tell youngsters about the dangers.

"Children need to be educated about drugs from as young as 14," she said.

"The police have been brilliant, but I think when it comes to going to schools to talk to children it would be better coming from someone who has experienced what drugs can do. I'd tell them that everyone has choices and one of them is life."

Angela said she has already been to pubs and clubs with police in Gravesend to watch them tackle the problem.

"They have special lights which show up cocaine traces and in one girls' toilet there wasn't a surface without it on," she said.

"The police are doing a good job though and pubs are really cracking down with searches and drop boxes for people to get rid of drugs, no questions asked."

Fun-loving

But she stressed the main problem is that taking cocaine is seen as socially acceptable.

"People think only heroin kills, but coke can too," she said. "The public view of drug-users is that they are thieves who steal to feed their habit, but with cocaine it's not like that. A lot of young professionals take it and in the case of my daughter, she worked hard but unfortunately spent her money on it."

Angela said she had known about Haniska's drug taking and had warned her.

The detrimental effect on her "beautiful and fun-loving" daughter was heartbreaking.

"Haniska was extremely caring, loud and funny, but after a heavy weekend, she would

DRUG FACT FILE

- Kent Police and local drug and alcohol teams are working to tackle drug-related crime and prevent deaths.
- Police are also working with pubs and clubs. This includes using technology to detect drugs and projecting messages about the dangers onto buildings.
- During a recent Tackling Drugs Week, police recovered more than 500g of cocaine with a street value of £22,000. They also made more than 50 arrests, many for dealing.
- During the action week 41 schools in Kent were visited by officers who warned pupils about the dangers.
- From 2008-09 Kent Police detected 3912 drug offences, of which 644 related to the supply and production of drugs.
- A recent report into drug related deaths in the UK, from St George's University London, showed that nationally nine per cent of over 2,000 UK drug related deaths were linked to cocaine use.

You can ask the chief

NEXT month Kent police chief Michael Fuller has agreed to answer questions from our readers about any aspect of policing.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller said: "I am delighted to be able to talk to the people of Kent via your pages and I look forward to hearing from you, and having the chance to

let you know how we are making the county an even better place to live."

This is the third week of our A Safer Kent campaign looking behind the scenes at Kent Police to discover some of the stories behind the headlines as our

3,640 police officers help look after a population of 1.65 million.

Last week we featured the officer who came to Kent from one of Britain's most notorious areas for gun crime, bringing the expertise to ensure we remain alert and protected.

Next week we look at the hi-tech number plate reading technology on which police are increasingly using to monitor the movements of criminals.

To ask the Chief Constable a question, email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk or write to the editor at this newspaper: Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR.

We will carry as many answers as we can in our edition of October 7.



TRAGIC LOSS: Angela with a photo of Haniska

get very moody and her nose would sometimes bleed. I can't believe she's gone, and all because of drugs.

"It's so upsetting that the parasite dealers who sold it to her are still out there.

"The police worked hard to get a conviction, but there isn't enough evidence. I'm not going to let this go. If I stop then they've won and Haniska's death was a waste."

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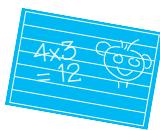


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BREAK TIME

Cycle ride to send cows out to Africa

PRIMARY school pupils are getting ready to take part in the Rotary Club of Deal's 'Bike-a-Cow' sponsored cycle ride.

Youngsters will hit the track at Fowlmead Country Park on Saturday, September 19, in aid of the Send-a-Cow charity, which sends pregnant Friesian cows to several countries in Africa.

Rotarians visited schools across the district to talk to the children about the Christian charity.

The British Friesian cow provides around 10 times more milk than an African cow.

For details of the scheme call the Rotary Club of Deal on 01304 366929 or visit www.sendacow.org.uk.

Travel plan group wins police award

STUDENTS from Castle Community College in Deal have been commended by Kent Police after designing a travel plan to make school journeys safer.

Charlotte Dickason, 13, Katie Smith, 13, and Daniel Austen, 14, won the Young People of the Year award after forming the Travel Plan Action Group.

The trio urged youngsters to cycle to school and teamed up with PCSOs to hold bike workshops. A slogan was also developed to encourage pupils to walk to school – 'Don't congest, walk the rest.'

A grant of £100 was given to the students by external assessors and they have donated it to Castle Community College.

Pupils hope Olympic torch relay will show true passion

■ BY MARIJKE COX

AN OLYMPIC torch designed by pupils from secondary schools across the district is to begin a relay tour of the 53 schools in Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

It will arrive by sea at the Prince of Wales pier at 10am on Friday, September 25, and be received by Josh Barrett, the grandson of John Barrett, the 1948 Olympic torch bearer who lives in Walmer.

Like the 1948 London Games, it will then be passed to a relay team, but this time the members will be made up from young people from the district's schools.

The torch will be passed along the pier, marking the start of the Pass the Passion schools torch relay, and then travel to each school who will celebrate its arrival before it moves on.

The name Pass the Passion was created by youngsters during a workshop held at The Ark in Dover in April last year.

A song which was written by the children will be performed by the Pass the Passion choir at a celebration of the Olympics at The Guildhall in Sandwich on October 2.

Mike Hill, Kent County Council cabinet member for communities, said: 'It is quite a feat to carry a torch to every school in Dover, Deal and Sandwich.'

'But there is real enthusiasm for repeating history and hopefully this will give residents the opportunity to enjoy a taste of the excitement to come around in 2012.'



SPARK OF INSPIRATION: Former torch bearer John Barrett at the Pass the Passion workshop children last year

Officials from Kent County Council hope the relay event will show organisers of the London Games how enthusiastic Kent is about having the chance to welcome the torch through Dover in 2012, like it did in 1948.

The town is battling against other competitors, including Aberdeen, Belfast and Liverpool, to become the welcoming point.

A huge street party and firework display was held last year in a bid to show the London Olympic organising committee how determined the county is to win the honour of receiving the torch when it reaches the UK for the Games.

It is hoped a decision will be made by the summer of 2010.

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Sid's mug not in the breast possible taste

Ugly Mug Amnesty brings ceramic crimes out of the closet

■ BY JON COATES

AN ALL The Breast Jimmy Jones mug – pictured above with Sid the dog – is the winner of the first Ugly Mug Amnesty.

Kurstie Long, from Folkestone, entered as soon as we opened the hunt for the ugliest mug in Kent.

The mug, which belongs to her mum Louise, was the frontrunner throughout most of the two-month search and just managed to stay a-breast of the competition.

But it was nearly pipped at the finishing post by a frog mug sent in by Maggie Francis of Penenden Heath, Maidstone, two weeks ago. Her snap of her vessel nestled in a pot plant holder has been awarded second place in the Ugly Mug Amnesty.

Third place goes to pensioner William Harrison, 61, from Canterbury, a volunteer for Age Concern Canterbury.

His Simply the Breast and Feeling Cocky mugs were given to him by his family to match his sense of humour.

Miss Long bought the All The Breast



SECOND: Frog mug owned by Maggie Francis



THIRD: William Harrison from Canterbury

Jimmy Jones mug at a boot fair two years ago for 50p. She said: "I think it is collectable and comes from the 1970s. I collect mugs."

KOS Media launched the search for the most quirky or bizarre drinking mug in the county at the end of July to kick-start Macmillan Cancer Support's major fundraising event, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The Ugly Mug Amnesty aimed to find the wackiest or most embarrassing mug lurking at the back of Kent's cupboards.

Miss Long will receive a World's Biggest Coffee Morning Mug from Macmillan



MILKING IT: Sid the dog with the winning mug, submitted by Kurstie Long of Folkestone

Cancer Support and a £50 Coffee Gift Set from KOS Media.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's flagship fundraiser and takes place this year on Friday, September 25.

Now in its 19th year, it has become one of the biggest fundraising events in Britain.

Macmillan asks the public to host or attend a coffee morning, with all donations going directly to those affected by cancer.

Last year the World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £7.5 million and the target this year is more than £8 million nationwide. But we are calling on all our readers to help make Kent the biggest fund-raiser in the country.

We'll be holding a coffee morning for staff on September 25 and urge businesses across the county to join in too.

Macmillan has 120 health professionals active across Kent helping patients and their families deal with cancer.

Their support means people do not have to face harrowing ordeals on their own.

• To take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee to register and pick up fund-raising tips, or call 0845 602 1246. Make sure you enter the code RNA 10 so Macmillan know you are a KOS Media reader.

'Cocaine' energy drink under fire

A DRINKS firm has defended its new product – Simply Cocaine – after it came under fire from anti-drugs groups.

It comes just a year after another company in the county, Ocke Cokey of Tunbridge Wells, was also attacked for planning to launch a British version of an American drink, called Cut Cocaine.

Simply Drinks, in Hawkhurst, launched their new bottle last month, advertised as a high-energy drink with a lemon fizz, featuring a character called Charlie.

It contains twice the caffeine of a Red Bull drink and the company says the product is only for those over the age of 18. As such, they have advised wholesalers it should not be sold in shops or supermarkets, but instead to bars and clubs who are happy to stock it. Owner of Simply Drinks, Daniel Eneveld, said the drink, which is also available to buy online, is proving popular.

"It is targeted at 18 to 35 year olds with a sense of humour," he said. "There's no cocaine in it – it's 100 per cent legal. Energy drinks are a £1 billion a year industry and we wanted to get in there. We knew we'd be attacked, it's a contentious name, but so was Opium perfume when it was launched."

"I think it's better to talk about these things rather than brush them under the carpet. We're just targeting our market, there's no harm meant by it."

But the launch has angered anti-drug charities. Martin Barnes, chief executive of DrugScope, said: "This is little more than an intentionally provocative, cynical but rather tired marketing stunt. I'm sure most people will see through the branding ploy for what it is, but making light of an illegal drug that can, and does, cause harm isn't helpful or smart."



FIZZING: Simply Cocaine is aimed at the 18-35s



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Gareth Arnold thinks some parents were simply showing their ignorance in the school sheep slaughter row



Surely this lamb chop was a valuable lesson on life

THE debaa-ble over whether an Ashford school's lamb should be given the chop highlights the fact that Britain is still a long way from seeing sense when it comes to the food on our plates.

The likes of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Jamie Oliver almost had me convinced that finally we had lost some of our dangerous and unrealistic sentimentality when it comes to the animals we eat.

But no.

Not for a very small group of parents at Lydd Primary School (and the lovely Mr Paul O'Grady) at least, who have decided that they know best. Fortunately sense prevailed on Monday when the world said 'Goodbye Marcus – hello lamb chops for tea.'

Marcus is of course the sheep at the centre of the farmyard fiasco, hand-reared by the

children on their school farm. A fine animal of famous Romney Marsh stock, who was ready to go for slaughter, providing the meat for which the area has rightly become famous.

The pupils, who raised him seemed to have a more rational grasp of the situation than a couple of parents, despite being aged between seven and 11, and voted to pack him off to the abattoir and sell the meat to buy more lambs.

As these children have obviously learned, this process is called farming. Humans have been doing it for roughly 10,000 years.

You'd think we'd have got used to the concept by now, but some parents are embarrassing themselves and no doubt their offspring by calling for a stay of execution.

Most of the opponenets are, no doubt, people who enjoy their meat just as much as the rest of us, with one rather glaring caveat: they don't want to know where it comes from.

It is this ignorance that has allowed cruel practices like battery farms to flourish. If we don't

know where our meat comes from, we don't care.

And as the old adage goes, out of sight, out of mind. Nowhere is this more evident than Britain's food production methods, and we've paid the price for decades, with substandard meat, BSE, salmonella and one food scare after another.

The children at Lydd will not repeat this mistake if they are allowed to see their hard work come to its logical fruition and slaughter a happy animal they have raised humanely.

They will grow up understanding that meat comes from animals, not factories, and that these animals have lives and must be cared for properly until it is time to eat them.

So, well done to the head teacher for sticking to her guns.

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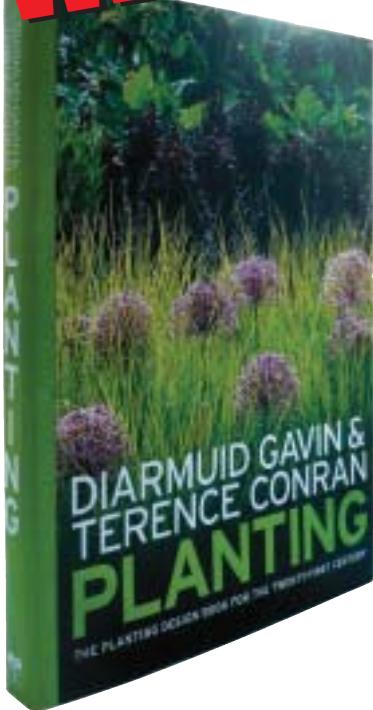
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Following on from the hugely successful *Outdoors*, *Planting* is the ultimate guide to designing and planning a planting scheme for your garden.

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With more than 400 stunning photographs, *Planting* is inspiring, imaginative and practical. This is a garden design book

that reflects the unique talents and experience of these two authors.

Diarmuid Gavin's book launch will take place at The Secret Gardens of Sandwich on Saturday, October 3. The marquee will open at 2pm, with the event itself starting at 2.30pm. Tickets are £12 or £10 for season ticket holders (includes garden entry).

For more information about the beautiful venue or to book tickets to the launch see www.the-secretgardens.co.uk.

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Litterbugs turning town into a dump

Does nobody care about litter any more? I was on The Leas at the time of the air-sea rescue operation, but I was watching all the people eating their lunches.

When they finished, they simply got up and left, leaving all their rubbish – burger wrappers, cartons, cigarette packets etc – on the grass. Only yards away was a rubbish bin.

I see it all the time and it's not only youngsters. Families walk along and drop litter as they go.

They also drive along Churchill Avenue and throw trash out of their windows.

To describe some of these people as pigs would be insulting to pigs. Do you like living in a rubbish dump?

John O'Neal, Folkestone

Not to fast in lauding the new trains, Nigel



Congratulations to Cllr Nigel Collor on his invitation to board the inaugural high-speed train from Dover last week.

But can he spare a thought for those of us who will have to put up with a service which is going to be worse from December?

Terry Kendall, Folkestone

Having looked at the draft timetable, the journey from Dover and intermediate stations to Canterbury will be longer because of additional stops between Chatham and London.

There is a mid-afternoon gap of two hours in stopping trains which is bound to cause inconvenience.

But the worst change involves trains from Sandwich, Deal and Dover and the intermediate stations.

For those of us going to Charing Cross, the journey time will be up to two hours and 20 minutes, often with a change in Ashford. Services on this line will call at every station between Ashford and Tonbridge. How can this be labelled an improvement?

I hope Cllr Collor can put pressure on Southeastern to do something about this – I and my Labour colleagues will be calling on Dover District Council as well as Kent County Council to do everything possible to get Southeastern to improve its proposed services.

Cllr Ben Bano, Labour group leader, Dover District Council

In a spin over police claims on crime drop

The recent claim by the local police commander that crime in Folkestone was dropping because fewer criminals had been caught was my favourite for spin story of the year.

However, we now have the report that Shepway council is in line for an award because it is giving away more taxpayers' money as housing and council tax benefits in less time. I wonder how long these people would survive as private-sector managers.

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move for, or cause any disruption to, the professionals working so hard to help their patient.

A few things that may have contributed to these reports are:

- The helicopter appeared to want to land in an area that was not at all concerned with the above mentioned rescue and made two or three passes over the wrong area.
- The police presence, while huge, seemed concerned only with finding witnesses, not crowd control, which they only attempted twice.
- No thanks have been mentioned for the men, clearly medical professionals, who raced to the scene to assist the woman before any other teams arrived.
- There may of course be a reason the article has been written this way, perhaps to encourage people to be more aware at the scene of any accident, but on a personal note I resent the inference that I, or any of the families around me, hampered any attempt by the rescue services, who were quite marvellous, from doing their job.

Mandy, by email

No-one impeded bid to help beach victim



I have never before been tempted to comment on a newspaper article, but in reference to the story 'Sea rescue hampered by crowds' (August 26), I could not let the chance to comment go by.

I was at the scene from the time a beachgoer came over to the cafe asking if there was a doctor present, to the time the helicopters left.

At no time did onlookers fail to

This roads hierarchy penalises motorists

The letter from Hazel Dawe of Kent Green Party (Yourshepway, September 2) contained comments on the level of rail fares that many might agree with.

However, the railway network is a hugely expensive thing to run, already sucking in huge subsidies, which would have to increase further should fares reduce.

Any changes to the set up would be down to central government – and therefore have little to do with Kent County Council, which is responsible for (a lot of) highways. She then turns to congestion in

Kent, where I take issue.

We already have a local transport plan, which already contains a road user hierarchy, pretty much on the lines she wants.

The Association of British Drivers deplores this, and far from wanting more, wants an end to the whole hierarchy mindset.

It is this hierarchy that, by giving priority to a select politically-correct few and restricting road space to everyone else, is partly responsible for the congestion nobody wants.

This is being done in the name of cutting carbon emissions.

With every month that passes, new sound scientific evidence increasingly shows the whole carbon-induced climate change scenario to be a manufactured myth, jumped on and used by politically-motivated activists (and pretty dictatorial ones at that) and greedy politicians jumping on the bandwagon.

However, even if that were not the case, our road transport accounts for such a tiny proportion of emissions as to be meaningless – and even that gets progressively 'cleaner' year by year. Carry on motoring – and do so with a clear conscience. More than 92 per cent of passenger journeys in the UK are by road, and 86 per cent by private car.

That is the transport of choice for most, and likely to remain so for all

but the shortest of trips.

The railways do indeed suffer from under-investment, but the roads more so. Drivers are stung with duties and taxes to the tune of more than £46 billion a year, yet a mere £8bn of that goes back to highways – a vital national infrastructure. That's before councils pile in with more charges for the likes of parking. Now I know this money is not ring-fenced and I don't object to some of it going into the general pot.

But that amount is woefully inadequate. That's why we have to suffer a dearth of new/improved roads, and those we have are not properly maintained.

There will be an election next year. There are some 30 million drivers in the UK – that could be a formidable voice. Time to stand up and be heard.

The Association of British Drivers will be launching campaigns on several issues between now and the election with the overall theme of demanding a fair deal for motorists.

Ian Taylor,
Association of British Drivers

Dignity drowned out by boorish applause

A town council meeting on

September 8, led by Folkestone mayor Janet Andrews, said it would be all right for people to applaud during the veterans' parade – which includes the two-minute silence – if they wanted to, in spite of the embarrassment it caused veterans last year.

What has happened to our society when celebration becomes a substitute for an act of sorrow? Where is this leading?

Where we once stood in reverent silence, heads bowed, are we now to burst into applause?

How about asking the Queen to call for three cheers as the poppies float from the ceiling at the Royal Albert Hall? So, if someone bursts into applause on Remembrance Sunday, how are we to take it?

Do we take it as a terrorist celebrating the fact that the death toll in Afghanistan is climbing daily, or do we take it that some thoughtless person is slavishly following the fashion of breaking into applause at the drop of a hat because nobody has taught them how to behave properly?

Just to clarify the position, perhaps, why don't we just ask people to stand up and cheer every time another one of our soldiers bites the dust?

Terry Begent,
Folkestone

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TOP flyers from all over the world will be doing battle in the Big Sky International Kite Festival this weekend.

The sky is the limit as kite experts from across the globe make the long journey to Thanet, simply to prove that they have what it takes to dazzle the crowds with their highflying antics. Now in its third year, the two-day event is jointly organised by Margate Town Partnership and the Kite Society of Great Britain.

The attractions include displays by top flyers from as far afield as New Zealand and Australia, keen to demonstrate their agility and skill. Pedro and Esteban Gonzales will be bringing some of Spain's warmth to Kent with their soft inflatable kites depicting suns and devils, while world-renowned Kiwi kite maker, Peter Lynn, shows off his cats, trilobites and manta rays. Kite designer Robert van Weers will also travel from New Zealand to exhibit his collection of soft kite animals, from fish to monkeys.

Belgium is represented by innovative designer, Jos Valcke, Team True Colours with their distinctive mix of soft kites and Team Atomic, whose collection includes Paddington Bear and huge octopuses. Holland's Kite Team will be making a splash with their giant champagne bottle, while fellow Dutchman Jan van Leeuwen presents his school bus and Janneke Groen impresses with her complex appliquéd kites.

BIG SKY INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 19 and
 Sunday, September 20
 Margate Main Sands

Bryan and Carl Wright, will be among those appearing for the UK, along with the Avon Kite Flyers, Brighton Kite Flyers and Andrew Beattie. See the prize-winning synchronised flying of France's four-man team, Tatoueurs du Ciel, the power kite theatrics and dancing of Son of the Winds and the beautiful collection belonging to Phil McConnochie, all the way from Australia.

Bernard Dingworth and kite colleague Jan Nelkenbrecher, from Germany, exhibit their soft seal, salamander and appliquéd kites. Jan will be sharing the sands with fellow Germans Walter, Conny and Stefan Bloom who visit the UK for the first time with their large inflatable characters, such as Asterix and Spider Bear.

With workshops, stalls and other attractions on offer, visitors can simply enjoy the spectacle or buy their own kite and send it soaring into the skies. The event runs from 10am to 5pm.

For full event details visit the website at www.bigs skykitefestival.org.uk or www.visitthanet.co.uk.



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DEAL MARITIME FOLK FESTIVAL



Friday, September 18 to Sunday, September 20
Various Venues, Deal

A HOST of fantastic artists are lining up to perform in this year's Deal Maritime Folk Festival.

Bob Kenward (pictured) is just one of the acclaimed musicians who will be making an appearance and he is in good company, as the festival programme boasts names that will make any folk fan very happy. Highlights include performances by Sue Watson and Bernard Quenby, Steve Bell, Mac McKean, Shillelagh, The Deal Hoodeiners, Flossie Malavialle, No Worries, Redeye Rattlaz, Joe Stead, Porchswing Blues, John Barden and Carey, Rathbone, Bell.

More great entertainment will be provided by the likes



of Tanglefoot Appalachian, Chimney Boys, Bill Howarth, Chris Nixon, Rabble, Ken Latham, John Gisby, Chris Amos, Monster Busk, Deal Friday Folk Club and Avril Cameron. There will also be a braderie and

an exhibition of work by local artist, Alan Davis.

These are just some of the great acts due to perform during the festival, full listings can be found on the website at www.dealmaritimefolkfestival.org.uk.

DAVE SPIKEY

Saturday, September 26
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



COMEDIAN Dave Spikey will prove that laughter is the best medicine with his latest stand-up show.

Following the show's huge success last year, The Best Medicine - Repeat Prescription is heading to Shepway next week to give fans a welcome injection of laughter. Spikey is a well-known TV personality, having appeared as a team captain in four series of Channel 4's 8 Out of 10 Cats and as Jerry St Clair in acclaimed comedy, Phoenix Nights.

He is also a gifted writer, having penned Phoenix Nights with co-star Peter Kay and the comic's previous series, That Peter Kay Thing, along with his own solo projects. But many people might not be aware that he has a background in healthcare, having worked as a biomedical scientist for more than 25 years. He had been enjoying comedy success for about 10 years before deciding to give up the day job and he is determined to continue promoting the nation's health by encouraging people to laugh.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



JAMES SHERLOCK

Friday, September 25
Town Hall, Deal



AWARD-WINNING pianist James Sherlock will play the first of Deal Festival's three autumn concerts.

Following the success of this year's summer Festival of Music, the entertainment continues with a performance by this remarkable musician. Sherlock was the gold medallist of the Marcello Galanti International Organ Competition in 2005 and went on to win BBC's Fame Academy: The Next Generation two years later.

Increasingly in demand as a performer and communicator, Sherlock also works extensively as an accompanist. While his recording of David Earl's Cello Sonata was named the runner-up Best New Disc by International Piano Magazine in 2007, he also plays the lighter side of music at prestigious London venues such as The Ivy, the Belvedere and the Grosvenor Hotel.

The concert programme will include works by Chopin, Ravel, Mozart, Bach, Messiaen and César Franck. The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 for just this concert,



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Girl-band will rock pub with their indie sounds

INDULGE in a guilty pleasure when five-piece band Eyelash Guilt performs in River later this week.

The female-fronted rock and indie covers band plays music by Black Sabbath, Katy Perry and many more. See them online at www.eyelashguilt.com. They will perform at the Dublin Man O' War in Lower Road on Friday. Call the pub on 01304 822509.

Band will be creating Turmoil at live gig

ROCK out to popular hits by a diverse range of acts when Turmoil plays live in Dover.

The four-piece from the Folkestone and Dover area plays songs by a variety of great rock bands, from The Automatic to the Rolling Stones. See them online at www.myspace.com/weareturmoil. Catch the band at the Park Inn in Park Place on Saturday. Call the pub on 01304 203300.

The Star will be Live 'n' Kickin on Friday night

CLASSIC rock is interspersed with contemporary hits when Live 'n' Kickin' perform.

The five-piece plays cover versions of songs by Green Day, Red Hot Chilli Peppers and Kaiser Chiefs with some golden oldies thrown in. Find out more at www.livenkickin.co.uk. They will perform at The Archer, Sandwich Road, Whitfield, on Saturday. Call 01304 825890.

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Pistols will do their reggae roots proud at Farmhouse

REGGAE has a lot to answer for.

I appreciate the genre has spawned such greats as Bob Marley and Jimmy Cliff, but that's reggae in its purest and truest form.

The 'reggae' I despise comes in the form of the early to mid-90s pop adaptation.

Think muscle-clad singer turned reality TV star and recent divorcee Peter Andre, chart-topping duo Chaka Demus and Pliers, and Shabba Ranks.

All three should be tried for crimes against reggae.

But while the genre has given birth to countless more questionable 'reggae stars' – Sean Paul anyone? – it has also given the world a host of ground-breaking and influential bands.

The likes of The Specials, Madness and The Police all based their sound on solid reggae roots.

And the sub-genres they helped create – such as 2 tone, ska and dub – continue to inspire.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

One of the leading reggae-rooted outfits playing today are the London-based Dub Pistols, providers of top quality dub and big beat tracks.

The six-piece have built a loyal following thanks to their varied sound and energetic live sets.

Having performed the Lounge on the Farm festival, the Pistols are now set to play Canterbury's Farmhouse venue this Friday, supported by Jimmy Screech.

LOTF and Farmhouse promoter Matt Gough said: "Long-term friend of the Lounge crew Barry Ashworth heads up his band of merry men Dub Pistols for a return visit to Canterbury.

"After a lot, and we mean a lot, of arm-twisting and cajoling at LOTF 2009, we are very happy to say that we've convinced them to

come down to The Farmhouse for a full-band live show.

"New album Rum & Coke is great, the live shows are better than ever, and judging by audience reaction at LOTF this year they're one of the best-loved bands that we put on.

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Jesse takes a dramatic interest in the absurd

BY LISA WILLIAMS

JESSE Eisenberg has chosen an unusual career path.

Not interested in following in the footsteps of fellow Disney champions Zac Efron or the Jonas Brothers, the lead in Adventureland says he really wants to become a playwright.

The 25-year-old actor who found fame in Noah Baumbach's indie classic The Squid And The Whale and is now acting alongside Twilight star Kristen Stewart in Disney's latest film, calmly outlines his life plan, when I meet him at a hotel suite in Edinburgh.

"I'm interested in fame in so far as it can help me do what I want to do. I want to be a playwright in New York."

Not what you expect to come out of the mouth of a man currently starring in a twee coming-of-age tale set in 80s America.

"It's hard to be a playwright, it's competitive, and yet if you're in movies – regardless of what the movies are about – people are more apt to produce your stuff, even if it's bad."

Jesse says he has had "some moderate success" as a writer so far, mainly because of the contacts he has made during his acting career, but before he puts his full weight behind it, he has an anthropology degree to finish.

His studies give him something in common with his Adventureland character James, whose heart is set on going to university in New York. When his parents break the news they can't afford to send him to university any more, James resigns himself to a dead-end job at a theme park and an even bleaker future.

Luckily for him, the park is staffed by an array of interesting characters, including stunning and studious Em, played by Kristen.

So what makes it different to any other coming-of-age rom-com? Jesse is keen to tell.



ABSURD: Jesse Eisenberg has a clever sense of humour

"It's unique. Totally," he enthuses. "It takes its characters seriously, the characters take themselves seriously and it's told in an authentic way. It doesn't pander to lowbrow comic sensibilities and it's a sweet story."

One reason for its authenticity could be the fact James' character is based on the film's writer and producer Greg Mottola – something which worked to Jesse's advantage while making the film.

But Jesse's latest part is also a great vehicle for his sense of the absurd, which comes across throughout the interview. When I ask if he

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gets any fan mail, he replies: "What I do get comes from Austria and it's all men in tight shirts sending me pictures of them in front of a waterfall. I usually send it to the police."

Similarly, talking about keeping in touch with his co-star he says: "I'm not allowed to speak to Kristen now because of a restraining order since the Twilight movies. I'm one of the mad fans and have a website about her."

In contrast, he looks pained when I ask if his girlfriend is still working in the charity sector.

"How do you know that?" he exclaims. "How awful! She hates being mentioned."

Immensely private and with a good understanding of the absurdities of life. If Hollywood isn't Jesse's next stop, then a writer's den somewhere round the back of Broadway certainly is.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

WATCHDOG

BBC One, 8pm, Thursday

JAMIE'S AMERICAN ROAD

TRIP Channel 4, 9pm, Thursday

THE much-heralded return of newly face-lifted Anne Robinson on the revamped Watchdog had to be worth a look.

Lynn Olds Wood was put out to pasture years ago and most of us thought the show should have been too.

As the presenters rightly told us, internet blog sites put the power in the hands of the consumer when it comes to complaining.

So what's the point of Watchdog? None at all on this first outing.

A comparison of cheap children's school uniforms concluded that whether it's Tesco, Asda, M&S or Sainsbury, for under a fiver you can't really go wrong.

So what if the polo shirts shrink a bit, just buy the next size up.

And Rogue Trader presenter Matt Allwright – a wannabe Roger Cooke who races to confront the conmen on the back seat of motorcycle – trained his sights on a mildly aggressive salesman of beds which claim to make you look younger.

Since Rogue Trader had 'sorted' him four years ago, but he's still working, it was a pretty lame start.

I found myself mentally applauding the salesman's handling of his car park confrontation with Matt and his TWO camera crews.

Perhaps the Beeb should consider a new show where viewers can complain about over-hyped telly programmes.

I'd report Watchdog.

YOU can't keep Jamie Oliver off the box. Every year he returns with a new show, with results of varying quality.

Following Jamie at Home, he has



NEW LOOK: Anne Robinson back on Watchdog

flipped the script completely and documented a cook's road trip across America.

In the last episode he went off to live with the cowboys in Wyoming which ended up with a lot of Dutch oven cooking and the wearing of bad hats.

The finest moment was when he tried out the pitchfork fondues, which is basically sticking a steak thicker than a car tyre into a vat of rudely hot fat and eating it as soon as it's been partially incinerated.

This was true heart attack food.

Shows like this only ever work if the star really throws themselves into matters and by eating Rocky Mountain oysters (that's bull's balls to you and I), you cannot accuse him of wimping out. Things did seem to go a bit Brokeback Mountain when he couldn't seem to stop talking about his cowboy mentor Hip with a glimmer in his eye, though.



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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOUR love life has seen better days. Part of the problem is you have distinctly different values than those of your partner. The two of you need to work to find common ground. If you're single, you need to start hanging out places centred around your favourite activities.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

THE pressures of an intimate relationship may be too. You'd rather spread your wings and fly than stay where you are under a cloud of emotional anxiety. Unfortunately, it looks as though your amour will take the news hard. The best thing you can do is to stay out of their way.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU long to leave a demanding job, if only to get a little more free time. Unfortunately, you need the work more than you need a break. Keep your shoulder to the grind. There will be time to relax later. Use your income to pay off a bill that's been weighing on your shoulders.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

AN old-fashioned friend or relative seems determined to quench your spirit. You want to take a risky career course, but they keep talking about financial security. Actually, these warnings are well timed. It's all well to pursue your dreams, but it always helps to have a back up plan.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IS fear of being alone making you put up with an unhealthy situation? However, you owe it to yourself to break free. Yes, this will involve a period of uncertainty, but that's better than staying where you are. A new acquaintance will make their way into your life.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THE old ways are not necessarily best, but your boss can't see it. You could be forced to work with outmoded machinery or antiquated systems. Maybe it would be best to find a more challenging position. Staying where you are means your skills will gradually become outdated.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Capricorn** 09067-531761

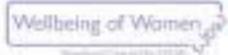
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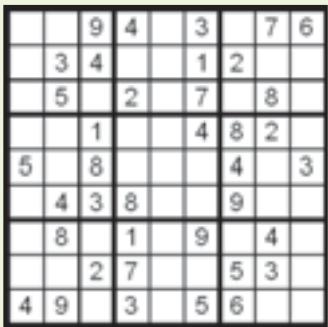


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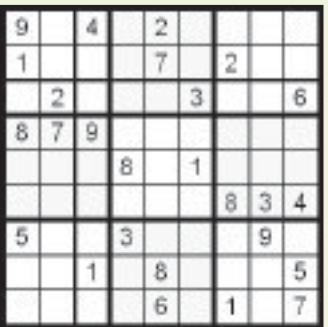
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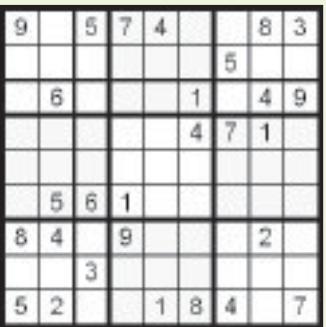
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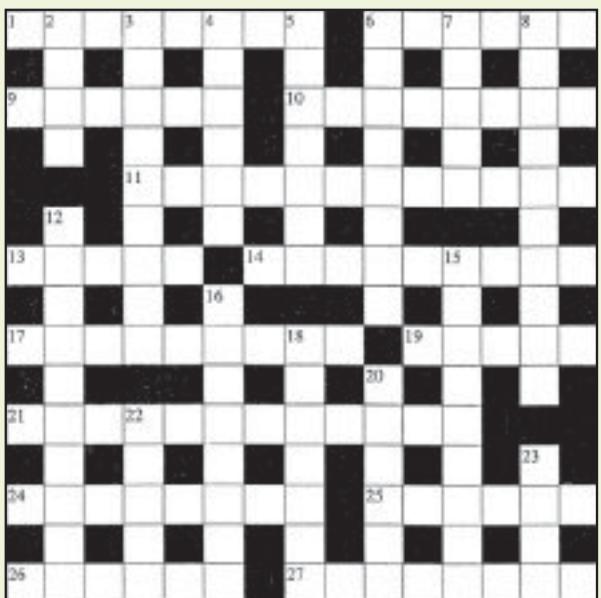
ACROSS

1 Chum turned on first excessively (8)
 6 Regulate our time - that's fair (6)
 9 Lose sight of metal workshop by junction (6)
 10 Artist clothed in outdoor wear (8)
 11 Project a shaky fit of hysterics? (5,1,6)
 13 Sound of frog coming from a rock (5)
 14 Thrusting oneself in violently into ruins (9)
 17 Soup containing eggs? (5-4)
 19 Subdue that Parisian Lord Lieutenant (5)
 21 Asking for the mysterious playing-card (4,2,6)
 24 See Liz in turmoil about rating, it's fairly large (8)
 25 Fool with explosive makes for cover (6)
 26 Decisive moment at highest point (6)
 27 Involving love that is imaginary (8)

ACROSS

2 Old stringed instrument or two-thirds of another (4)
 3 Most reliable place most people hold a pencil (5-4)
 4 Part of group turned out to be an improvement (6)
 5 Succeeded with toil and difficulty although had worn badly (4-3)
 6 To a certain extent, so to speak (2,2,4)
 7 Twin sheep (5)
 8 Ours is a minor planet it is sometimes said (5,5)
 12 Unnatural plastic (10)
 15 Oops! Pun so clumsy about item of cutlery (9)
 16 Non-smoker's case? (8)
 18 Grizzly female perhaps (3-4)
 20 Marched off, not east, for old Greek coin (6)
 22 In the jungle a momentary faint glow (5)
 23 Easterer had some unkempt hair (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1 Large plane (5,3)
 6 Ocular (6)
 9 Leg jewellery (6)
 10 French emperor (8)
 11 Overstatement (12)
 13 Demand (5)
 14 Stopped flow of blood (9)
 17 Bad language (5-4)
 19 Compass (5)
 21 Bunch of herbs (7,5)
 24 Painstaking (8)
 25 Result (anag.) (6)
 26 Even if (6)
 27 Lawyer (8)

DOWN

2 Bone in arm (4)
 3 Dancer (9)
 4 Exhaustion after a long flight (6)
 5 This evening (7)
 6 Insubstantial (8)
 7 Cleavage (5)
 8 Sorry (10)
 12 Much less quickly than normal (4-6)
 15 Old Soviet head of govt. dept. (9)
 16 Pincers (8)
 18 Yachting gala (7)
 20 Biblical mount (6)
 22 1/20th of a ream (5)
 23 Turn tail (4)

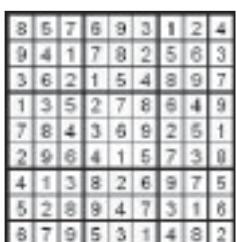
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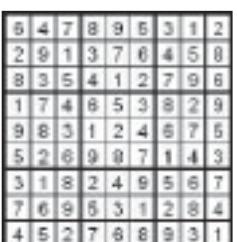
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ACROSS: 1 Cristle 5 Rubbish 9 Club 10 Neoclassic 12 Somewhat 13 Tweedy 14 Top of the tree 17 Wind of change 21 Quaker 23 Wax-light 24 Unemployed 25 Acne 26 Umbrage 27 Eyedrop. **DOWN:** 2 Roll-on 3 Subjected 4 Long hop 6 Unlatch 7 Baste 8 Skin-deep 11 Out of the way 15 The Lizard 16 Viburnum 18 Foreleg 19 Next day 20 Shinto 22 Khmer.

QUICK SOLUTION No105

ACROSS: 1 Jumbo 6 Vizslas 9 Alabat 10 Neapolitan 11 Eggbeater 12 Lemon 13 Lemon 14 Striped 17 Swallow 19 Amble 20 Marlin 21 Doublet 22 Dilligent 25 Rustle 26 Unites 27 Alouette 28 Drown. **DOWN:** 2 Una 3 Belcher 4 Lettuce 5 Tongue 6 Tangle 7 Split 8 Apologetic 9 Tangle 10 Tangle 11 Regatta 12 Slow-motion 15 Commisar 16 Mezzanine 17 Regatta 18 Regatta 20 Aral 22 Quire 23 Flock 24 Quaker 25 Acne 26 Umbrage 27 Eyedrop. **DOWN:** 2 Una 3 Belcher 4 Lettuce 5 Tongue 6 Tangle 7 Split 8 Apologetic 9 Tangle 10 Tangle 11 Regatta 12 Slow-motion 15 Commisar 16 Mezzanine 17 Regatta 18 Regatta 20 Aral 22 Quire 23 Flock 24 Quaker 25 Acne 26 Umbrage 27 Eyedrop.

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A feast for the senses in the Alps

■ BY RICHARD JONES

MANY British hikers take the easy option and stay near home for walking holidays.

But the alpine landscape of Austria, only a two-hour flight from many UK airports, is a great alternative – and a welcome escape from British traffic jams and windswept beaches.

There's much more to Austria than The Sound of Music and Mozart – and perhaps you can discover more of it in summer and autumn than as a skier in winter.

The standard holiday formula has probably changed little since the 1930s: you walk, relish the fresh air and discover the charms of small family-run hotels, with none of the crowds which cram Europe's cities and coastlines.

We started in the small, picturesque village of Maria Alm one Saturday evening, where the Hotel Niederreiter was hosting polka band Niki and the Oberkrainer on stage, along with Tyrol's answer to Frank Carson – who told family anecdotes and mother-in-law jokes.

As I tucked into my Wiener Schnitzel and a few local Stiegl beers, I was impressed by the warmth of the atmosphere.

I also downed what would be the first of many shots of apricot schnapps on the trip, a tipple that I was told helped the digestive process – not to mention sending you to sleep.

Next morning, our group met Barbara, our local walking guide for the day, before strapping on new day-packs.

Like most Brits, we feared bad weather – Austria is two-thirds mountains, and its weather changes in an instant.

Nevertheless, rain stayed away as we took the Dorf Jet gondola, which carries skiers up the slopes in winter.

From the peak we had a spectacular view of



WALKING VIEWS: A hiking trip is a great way to see Austrian Alps, and it also helps to burn off the calories

the valley and Maria Alm, and then we hiked steadily through forests and down to the meadows.

There was so much to see in the woods, with activity boards every 100 metres or so detailing vegetation and wildlife.

Barbara explained the summer programme in the region, when children tackle go-kart racing, pony-trekking, clay-modelling or minigolf.

Five hours after setting off from Maria Alm we reached our destination, the village of Hinterthal.

Here we had time to enjoy the spa at the Family and Sporthotel Marco Polo before dinner in the hotel's Wintergarten restaurant, when the chef rustled up local delicacy Salzburgerknödel – a sort of pancake and strawberry-based dessert.

We had to keep walking to work off the calories. By day three, the autumnal rain began to fall as sleet in the valley and snow on the peaks.

Our group agreed there was no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes. We threw on waterproofs for another day's hiking.

Our departure point this time was the sleepy town of Dienten. Our guide Heinz began with a tour of the town, with its resplendent flower house and historic St Nikolaus church.

Heinz, a retired man, set a cracking pace. By lunchtime we had reached a height of 1,550 metres, and stopped off at the Pichlalm mountain hut for a welcome bowl of goulash soup, another local dessert called Kaiserslaute, plus the obligatory shot of schnapps and a mug of tea with rum.

The proprietor kindly added a spot of accor-

FACT FILE: AUSTRIA

Time difference	+One hour (GMT)
Capital	Vienna
Language	German
Population	8.2 million
Currency	£1 = 1.14 euros
Religion	Roman Catholic

Travel details

Richard Jones was a guest of Thomson Lakes & Mountains, which offers 'Walking Without Luggage' tours in the Hochkonig region of Austria from £648 this summer, including 10 or 11 nights' half-board, return flights ex-Gatwick, transfers, luggage transfers between guest houses, walking map and directions and walking pin.

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dion music and yodelling, before we headed off through the rocky gorges and clouds in the afternoon.

Our hotel that night, the Hotel Übergossene Alm (Flooded Alpine Meadow) was something special and served up a five-course dinner.

First thing next morning, I decided to go for a swim; and as I lay in the heated whirlpool, large flakes of snow were falling all around.

For the final excursion, our guide Ernst led us across the ravines near Muhlbach to the snow slopes at the bottom of the Hochkonig.

Lunch was another feast: we witnessed a local woman making her own cheese, as well as sampling farm produce including cider, bacon, fresh bread and berries.

This trip was a gastronomic journey as much as a walking holiday, and a paradise for food and drink lovers keen to try something new.

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**PROPERTY NEWS****How far would you go to keep your property?**

HOMEOWNERS are keen to take extra measures to ensure they keep their homes, but only a few have adequate insurance cover if they lose their job, according to recent research.

Opinium Research carried out an online poll of 2,007 British adults for insurance provider LV, which found that more than half of homeowners – 51 per cent – would take a second job to hold on to their home while more than four in ten – 43 per cent – would withdraw some or all of their life savings to make ends meet.

Almost a third would even be prepared to sell off the family silver.

But only one in ten said they had adequate insurance to pay their mortgage as well as other household bills over the long term, if they were to lose their job.

One in five homeowners would be prepared to take in a lodger to help pay the mortgage and almost as many would rather go cap in hand to friends than give up their property.

Expert advice can help you through 'mortgage maze'

ONE in four first-time buyers have said they would never choose a mortgage without expert guidance, according to a survey by consumer advice website Unbiased.

The same study reported the number of internet searches for "find a mortgage adviser" increased 133 per cent between the beginning of 2009 and the last quarter of 2008. David Elms, chief executive of the company which runs the site, said seeking a professional insight was the way to come out of the "mortgage maze" a winner.

The company also revealed 23 per cent of potential homeowners feel so puzzled by the procedures that they experience a loss of confidence.

Rush to buy as stamp duty holiday nears end

THE stamp duty holiday, which has saved property buyers thousands of pounds in taxes, is to cease at the end of the year.

The break frees buyers of an obligation to pay stamp duty on a purchase under £175,000.

The move re-ignited interest in the flagging housing market during the downturn, and the discount, worth as much as £1,750, can be a big help to some buyers.

L&C Mortgages is encouraging those looking to purchase a home to act now, if possible.

"House purchases can take months to complete, so it is make-your-mind-up time if you are considering buying a property," said L&C's head of communications, David Hollingworth.

He continued: "With house prices now holding up more strongly and in some cases rising, the stamp duty holiday will act as a greater incentive as the deadline approaches."

There has been speculation that the Government will extend the deal to further boost the mortgage market.

In recent months, there have been an increased number of mortgage agreements for first-time buyers and prices have seen a slight upturn.

"It would be nice to leave it at the current level. It would benefit the market," said Peter O'Donovan, head of mortgages at BestInvest.

"If they do change it, hopefully they will tier it properly so everyone ends up paying an equal value," he added.

Currently, stamp duty is divided into tiers from under £175,000, between £175,000 and £250,000, between £250,000 and £500,000, and above £500,000. The rates are zero, one, three and four per cent respectively.

Members of the property and mortgage industries have long called on the Government for a fairer system of stamp duty, where fixed thresholds are replaced with a more fluid set of charges, thus preventing artificial price levels at each stamp duty threshold.

Any changes – or an extension to the stamp duty holiday – would come in the Chancellor's pre-budget report expected this autumn.



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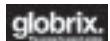
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Minor miracle as dealer saves scrapped Morris

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But at least this pristine 36,000-mile 1958 Morris Minor escaped the squeeze after its owner traded it for a £6,000 discount on a Hyundai Coupé at Gatwick Hyundai. The dealer realised the Minor was too young to die, but cannot now legally be driven on the road, so they have offered it free to any organisation with a worthy 'proposal'.



Qubo liberated by add-ons and extra traction

FIAT is just one of three brands who offer an identical new small van-based MPV, but the Italian marque has come up with a point of difference for its Qubo version. It's the Qubo Trekking costing £12,650 which, as the name implies, is a ruffly tufty spin-off with rugged add-ons and mud and snow tyres.

But it's not all cosmetics; there is also a Traction+ electronic differential lock for the front driving wheels to improve handling and control in mud, snow and other low-grip conditions.



Peugeot's auto that now thinks it's manual

TWIN clutches are revolutionising the way we think about automatics.

They cost more, but can deliver the in-town convenience of a standard auto, with manual economy, emissions and driving pleasure on the open road.

Peugeot has now added a six-speed dual-clutch or 'DCS' option to its classy 4007 5-7-seat 4x4/SUV as part of the new 156bhp 2.2-litre HDi FAP diesel powertrain, which can average nearly 40mpg. The new DCS model is part of a revamped 4007 line-up that starts from £23,345.



LOOKING GOOD: The newest version of Nissan's Qashqai +2 n-tec now has a third row of seats and has been rebuilt from windscreen pillar to tailgate, making the car longer

'Nice Nissan' shows that it's really very interesting

SNOOKER star Steve Davies was dubbed 'Interesting' by 80s TV show Spitting Image at a time when snooker dominated TV ratings.

The barb was drawn by Davis's metronomic success when many fans preferred the flamboyance of players like Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins.

Had Spitting Image endured though – and what fun it would have today, Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling – 'Nice Nissan' could have been a target.

Known for reliable and, well, ordinary cars – it was the Davis, not the Higgins of 'carbiz'.

Until the Qashqai arrived in 2007, that is, hustled in by a name like an explosive sneeze and blowing Nice Nissan way into the past.

I've been driving the newest version, a Qashqai +2 n-tec. Translated from Qashqai-speak – for the name comes from a nomadic Iranian people – that means two extra seats in the back and lots of extra media 'tech'.

To accommodate the third row of seats the original five-seater has been rebuilt from windscreen pillar to tailgate, making the car longer and taller without affecting the Qashqai's bullish

ROAD TEST NISSAN QASHQAI

■ BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

grace, enhanced by a smarter grille on the +2.

But the quasi-4x4 or 'crossover' styling is only part of the reason why the Qashqai is Nissan's most successful European launch ever and why – until the recession – we seemed to get weekly bulletins on increased production at the company's Sunderland UK plant.

The car's width of appeal is another factor; it was designed to sweep away three existing 'nice' models – the Almera family hatch and its Tino MPV spin-off, plus the Primera family model.

With the +2 it now also attacks Vauxhall's sector leading Zafira seven-seat midi-MPV and mounts a convincing argument, with far more visual impact and a huge load compartment with all rear seats fully folded.

And then there is the car's handling; for a high-riding vehicle, the Qashqai is outstanding and even this stretched version is lively even though the 100bhp 1.5-litre diesel – the best choice for the five-seater – is a bit stretched here.

Qashqai +2 prices start at a tempting £15,600. Upmarket n-tec spec brings an impressive in-car comms package of sat nav, full mobile phone connectivity and the 'Nissan Connect' sound system with USB/iPod link. The 1.5dCi version tested here is £20,200.



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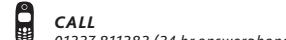
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STARRY NIGHTS

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A BIT SHY...

Passionate male, 33, GSOH, likes cycling, staying fit, travel, holidays and music, seeks lady to socialise with and take on dates. Box 455801

MANY INTERESTS

Ashford based man, I'm 35, and enjoy music, walking, dogs, WLTM female for friendship, maybe relationship. Box 457220 **T**

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Easygoing, genuine male, 36, 5ft8, dark hair, medium build, I like cinema, pubs, walks. Would love to hear from you! Box 452537 **T**

MY ONE MAN

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Nice guy, 47, short and medium build, short dark hair, enjoys the countryside, walks, drinks, eating out; WLTM genuine caring lady to settle down with. Box 453435 **T**

CHEEKY SOH

Unconventional, independent, successful, fun guy, 39, hazel eyes, no ties, like motorcycles, holidays, thomas park, looking for a younger, career female for lasting relationship. Brighton. Box 873095 **T**

GOOD CONVERSATION

Separated man, 50, looking for fun and laughter with nice, genuine lady. I'm 5ft tall, blue eyes, fit and tanned, solvent. Hawkhurst area. Box 456350 **T**

EVERY LOVING & LOYAL

Jason 39, 6ft, dark hair, smart, average looks, single dad, recently separated, would love to meet single mum for hopefully relationship. Box 457340 **T**

GIVE ME A CHANCE

Stim blonde, 51, 6ft, easy-going, honest and trustworthy, searching for a woman to spend the rest of his life with. Folkestone Box 456675 **T**

MUSIC LOVER

Not bad looking male, 51, 5ft11, medium build, very short grey hair, loves music, TV, the odd drink, socialising; WLTM friend first and then see. Box 451846 **T**

JOINED IN LOVE?

Good-natured, down-to-earth guy, 46, green eyes, dark hair, slim, enjoys holidays, music, pub, eating in/out. WLTM male, 35-50, for companion. Sittingbourne Box 454794 **T**

SOUL TO SOUL

Looking for My Miss Right! I'm male, 51, GSOH, seeking soul mate to share life with. Box 455256 **T**

EBONY & IVORY

White male of 51, seeks a nice black lady 40+ who likes eating in/out, walks, music and more. Canterbury. Box 454981 **T**

LOVING FOR SOMETHING MORE

Young looking 50yr old, fairly shy, non-smoker, loves travel, walking and meals out...hoping to meet a nice guy for relationship. Box 452631

YOUR LUCKY DAY?

Kind down-to-earth normal male, 52, 5ft9, loves clubbing, football, has blue eyes, medium build, looking for a partner and soulmate. Box 457795 **T**

AFFECTIONATE & THOUGHTFUL

Hi, I'm Norman, I'm 53, loving 53, love animal, country, firms and music, looking for French/Spanish/Italian woman, 47-53, around 5ft, for a serious relationship. Sealord. Box 454567 **T**

PLANT THE SEEDS

Honest 50s male looking for lady for loving friendship. I'm honest, sincere, genuine and love a laugh, hoping for a lasting romance. Box 451188 **T**

A BETTER LIFE

Professional male, 55, happy, medium build, good natured, easygoing, with a GSOH. Looking for female company, 47-53, around 5ft, for a serious relationship. Margate Box 456722 **T**

SEE WHERE IT LEADS

Honest male, loyal, 53, 5ft9, loves music, firm and secure, young-looking, slightly musical, the arts, dry, sooth, seeking a gentle and kind female. Margate Box 457765 **T**

ABOUT ME

Hard-working solvent man, 55, pretty good-looking, ohac, likes the beach, DIV, the usual things, looking for a slim special female for a LTR. Canterbury Box 457599 **T**

TREAT YOURSELF

Eastbourne area, I'm a spiritual gent, 56, 5ft9, I run my own business and have a GSOH, WLTM down-to-earth woman to enjoy life with me. Box 457765 **T**

CHEER ME UP

Passionate, fun-loving male, 57, WLTM curvaceous, good-looking female, 40-60, for nice times and romantic nights out. Ellis from Medway, leave number again, having trouble connecting! Box 405661 **T**

THE SIMPLE THINGS

Slim 60s male, 6ft, non-smoker, likes country pub, log fires, WLTM tall, slim non-smoking female 58-68. Battle. Box 455605 **T**

IT'S A DATE

62 healthy male, 69, likes rugby. Looking for a down to earth, non-smoking lady who enjoys an active social life in a friendship and relationship. Box 457858 **T**

CHEEKY YOUNG THING

Youthful spritely male, 78, 5ft7, successful, many interests, likes the simple things in life, own home/car, seeks lady with SOH for non-boring relationship! Eastbourne. Box 457832 **T**

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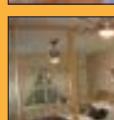
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EXCELLENT: Sibton Park (batting) won two titles

CRICKET

Double success for Sibton Park sides

SIBTON Park are still celebrating after a superb cricket season which saw their top two sides win promotion.

The first-team bounced straight back from relegation last year to win Division Two at a canter, while the seconds recovered from a poor start to also finish top of their table.

Delighted club chairman Mike Ledbetter said: "There's probably even more satisfaction seeing the seconds turn their season around and win their championship. To win two league titles doesn't happen very often and it might be an awfully long time before it happens again."

Elsewhere, there was relief for Sandwich Town, who won their final game of the season against Whitstable to stay up in Division One by a single point.

Hythe and Folkestone both had decent seasons further up the table. Neither had quite the consistency to mount a serious challenge to Lordswood and The Mote, but there were plenty of positives to take away from their finishes in the top four.

Walmer narrowly avoided relegation in Division Four, where they will play Bettleshanger Colliery Welfare next season, who finished runners-up in Division Five.

Deal Victoria will join the Kent Cricket League next season after topping a keenly contested Feeder League East 1A.

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HOME SWEET HOME: Dover celebrate Lee Browning's goal during Saturday's victory against Hampton & Richmond Borough, which was sealed by a goal from loan signing Andy Pugh (right)



Pictures: SIMON HARRIS

Hessenthaler urges Dover to make Crabble a fortress

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 4

Collin 4, Browning 45, Southall 58, Pugh 70



Hampton & Richmond Borough 2

Matthews 12, Jeffery 50



DOVER boss Andy Hessenthaler believes home form could be the key to his side's chances of a third successive promotion after the Whites made it five wins out of five at Crabble on Saturday.

Second half strikes from Nicky Southall and new loan signing Andy Pugh saw Dover Athletic see off a spirited Hampton & Richmond to go two points clear at the top of the table.

While admitting he was unhappy with the goals his side conceded, Hessenthaler preferred to emphasise the positive aspects of his

side's performance.

He told Yourdover: "It's hard to be too critical of the players as it is five wins on the bounce at home. We have made Crabble a fortress for the last two years and if we can do that again we are going to be up at the sharp end of this league.

"I think we deserved to win, we were the better side. I am disappointed by the way we defended for the goals we conceded – it was schoolboy defending. You can't do that at this level and get away with it."

The game started in explosive fashion with Dover taking the lead after just four minutes. The Whites were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the area and Frannie Collin fired the ball into the bottom corner of the net. Sammy Moore had a header cleared off the line before Hampton levelled through Barrie Matthews.

Southall hit the crossbar but the home fans had to wait until the stroke of half-time for the second goal. A Jon Wallis cross eluded the Richmond defence and found Lee Browning in the area, who buried the ball into the net.

The visitors got back on level terms shortly after the break as they threatened to become the first team to take points away from Crabble this season. Their optimism lasted just eight minutes, when Southall superbly converted a free-kick.

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Hughes (Collin 62), Gore (Hill 80)

Andy Pugh, who signed on loan from Gillingham last week, wrapped up the victory when he tapped in following good work by substitute Jerael Hughes.

The only concern for Dover were injuries to Frannie Collin and Dean Hill, adding to Hessenthaler's lengthening injury list.

He said: "Our resources are being tested and financially we cannot go out there and buy players. We may have to release players, but it is hard to do so at the moment as everyone is playing well. People have mentioned Craig Rocastle - we are looking at him - but we will have to wait and see."

Dover are at home to Bath City this Saturday.

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SPORT AWARDS

■ BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

WHEN Jessica Day suffered a head injury in a skiing accident last year it left her with memory loss – and that included how to swim and play netball.

Before the accident Jessica was training to swim the Channel and was a very good netball player. But, still suffering from retrograde amnesia, the 17-year-old from Kingsdown is now having to learn the basics of swimming all over again.

The Dover Girls' Grammar School pupil's determination was recognised when she won the Achievement in the Face of Adversity award in the Dover District School Sport Partnership third annual awards evening at Pfizer Social Club.

Jessica said afterwards: "I still can't remember a lot of things but my memory is slowly coming back."

Jessica received her trophy from the guest of honour, Premiership football referee Steve Bennett, who urged the youngsters in the audience "to chase your sporting dream."

A Sir Roger Manwood School pupil doing just that is 18-year-old junior international Hannah Moon, who has been awarded a four-year rowing scholarship by the University of Texas. Hannah, from Deal, won



INSPIRATION: Jessica Day won the Achievement in the Face of Adversity award at annual awards last week

the Girls' Individual Excellence trophy while the Boys' Individual Excellence nomination went to 15-year-old Josh Maughan, also from Deal, who has played five times for the Wales Under-16 football team.

Josh was a member of the Boys' Grammar School Year 9 football team who won the Boys'

Team of the Year award for after winning back-to-back Kent Cups.

The Girls' Team trophy went to the Dover Girls' Grammar junior athletics squad who won the South East Kent championship while another pupil from the same school, 15-year-old Florence Papougnat from Walmer, collected the 'Commitment to Sport' award.

The 'Excellence in Leadership' winner was Lucy Arman from Archers Court, a sports house captain at her college who also runs activities at primary schools.

In the Primary School section, the individual nominations were dominated by Langdon Primary School.

Sophie Waller, from Guston, won the Individual Excellent award. Despite only swimming competitively for just over a year the Dover Lifeguard Club member is already the number one-ranked 11-year-old in the country for the girls' 200m freestyle.

The Young Sports Leader of the Year award went to 12-year-old Megan Rawlings, from Martin Mill, who is helping other young people to learn to ride at a stables in the village.

And another Langdon pupil, 11-year-old Rebecca Cock from St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, won the Commitment to Sport category. In her nomination, Rebecca was described 'a great role model for other pupils.'

In the Primary School team awards, the dance festival team from Shatterlocks Infants School in Dover claimed the Key Stage 1 title, while the Key Stage 2 award went to the sportshall athletics team from St Martins PS in Dover.

CATCH OF THE DAY



'It's fill your boots time this Autumn'

By TONY HILLS, a keen beach and boat angler with 50 years' experience fishing Dungeness and District and vice-chairman of the Dungeness Angling Association

WHAT a difference a week makes, after a force nine blow from the south west we have had codling up to 8lb, so welcome to autumn. The first part of the week is north easterly – not the best of directions but the fish keep coming. If we get a south westerly on the big tides at the end of this week, it could be a case of 'fill your boots', and it's only September.

PIRATE SPRINGS AND LITTLESTONE: With a north easterly there should be a good wave action, best on night high tides.

BACK OF THE BOATS: Codling, dabs and whiting but in a north easterly it is only for the hardy.

DUNGENESS: I have had a lot of reports of codling but whiting will be the mainstay with dabs. With the growing tides the best option may be fishing through low water.

DENGE MARSH & GALLOWAYS: In these conditions where we have the wind behind and building tides, it should produce great fishing. We are still hoping for sole but we should have bass and codling as well as the ubiquitous whiting.

JURYS GAP: Big tides later in the week should produce a few bass in the surf.

BOAT FISHING: Still very scratchy, although there should be a few black bream and codling. It's worth a try out by the SC3 buoy for big tope using mackerel bait. The weather has not been kind recently but when the wind goes back to the south west it should be cooling time.

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BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	10	7	2	1	+13	23
2 Newport County	9	6	3	0	+16	21
3 Woking	10	6	3	1	+7	21
4 Braintree Town	10	5	4	1	+6	19
5 Thurrock	10	5	4	1	+4	18
6 Havant & Waterlooville	10	5	3	2	+4	18
7 Basingstoke Town	10	5	3	2	+3	18
8 Bromley	10	5	2	3	+3	17
9 Chelmsford City	10	5	1	4	-1	16
10 Bishop's Stortford	10	4	3	3	+3	15
11 Staines Town	10	3	5	2	+4	14
12 Bath City	10	3	4	3	+1	13

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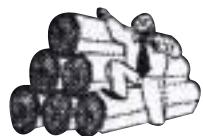
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2 Croydon Athletic	6	4	1	1	+6	13
3 Godalming Town	6	4	1	1	+6	13
4 Merstham	6	4	1	1	+6	13
5 Walton & Hersham	5	2	3	0	+3	9
6 Burgess Hill Town	7	3	0	4	-1	9
7 Dulwich Hamlet	5	2	2	1	+3	8
8 Leatherhead	6	2	2	2	+1	8
9 Corinthian-Casuals	6	2	2	2	0	8
10 Ramsgate	7	2	2	3	0	8
11 Walton Casuals	6	2	2	2	0	8
12 Sittingbourne	5	2	1	2	0	7
13 Fleet Town	6	2	1	3	-1	7
14 Chatham Town	5	2	1	2	-3	7
15 Metropolitan Police	5	1	3	1	0	6
16 Whyteleafe	5	2	0	3	-1	6
17 Worthing	5	2	0	3	-1	6
18 Whitemeade Town	5	2	0	3	-7	6
19 Horsham YMCA	6	1	2	3	-7	5
20 Chipstead	6	0	3	3	-5	3
21 Eastbourne Town	5	0	2	3	-5	2
22 Ashford Town	5	0	2	3	-10	2

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Herne Bay	5	5	0	0	+8	15
2 Faversham Town	5	4	1	0	+10	13
3 Beckenham Town	6	4	1	1	+4	13
4 Greenwich Borough	7	2	3	2	+3	9
5 Hythe Town	3	2	1	0	+9	7
6 Erith Town	3	2	1	0	+5	7
7 Erith & Belvedere	4	2	0	2	+1	6
8 Tunbridge Wells	4	1	1	2	0	4
9 Fisher	6	1	1	4	-10	4
10 Deal Town	3	1	0	2	-3	3
11 Holmesdale	3	1	0	2	-3	3
12 Sporting Bengal United	3	1	0	2	-6	3
13 Sevenoaks Town	3	0	2	1	-1	2
14 Corinthian	2	0	1	1	-2	1
15 Norton Sports	5	0	1	4	-6	1
16 Lordswood	4	0	1	3	-9	1

FIXTURES

(Saturday) Blue Square South: Dover Athletic v Bath City; Ryman Division One South: Chipstead v Folkestone Invicta; Kent League Premier Division: Hythe Town v Faversham Town; Deal Town v Fisher Athletic



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